

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF VENEZUELA FOR CATTLE  
EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. The certificate must then be validated by the Consulate or Embassy of Venezuela. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
2. The animals originated from farms free of bovine leukosis, malignant catarrhal fever, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), and bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), for the last 12 months.
3. The animals originated from areas free of bluetongue (BT), or from areas where no clinical case of BT has been officially diagnosed in bovines during the last 6 months or in ovines and caprines during the last 12 months.
4. The animals offered for export have shown no clinical signs of Bluetongue for at least 60 days prior to embarkation.
5. The animals were vaccinated twice for IBR: (a) with a modified live virus nasal vaccine between 30 and 180 days prior to embarkation; and (b) the animals were vaccinated for IBR and BVD using killed virus vaccine within 30 days prior to export. (Name of the products and the dates of vaccination must be shown on the health certificate).
6. The animals have been vaccinated for anthrax within 10 months of export or the animals have originated from areas (counties or adjoining counties) where anthrax has not occurred for the past 2 years. (The name of the vaccine and date of vaccination shall be indicated on the health certificate.)
7. The animals are found to be free of ectoparasites including active hypodermatosis (cattle grubs) and have been treated for such within 30 days prior to export. (The date of treatment and the name of products used must be shown on the health certificate.)

8. The animals have been vaccinated for hemorrhagic septicemia between 9 and 60 days prior to shipment. (The name of the vaccine and the date of vaccination must be shown on the health certificate.)

#### TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to tests for the following diseases within 30 days of embarkation except for BT, tuberculosis, and paratuberculosis which are valid for 60 days:

1. Tuberculosis - Intradermal caudal fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin
2. Paratuberculosis -
  - a. Intradermal caudal fold johnin test, AND
  - b. Complement-fixation test at 1:8 dilution
3. Brucellosis -
  - a. No test required for animals under 6 months of age OR for brucellosis official calfhood vaccinates (OCV) under 18 months of age
  - b. OCV animal 18 months of age and over: Standard tube test (STT) or standard plate test (SPT) at 1:50 dilution (less than 30 IU/ml);
  - c. non-vaccinated animals over 6 months of age: STT or SPT test at 1:25 dilution
4. Bovine Leukosis - Agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test
5. Leptospirosis -
  - a. Microtiter agglutination test at 1:100 dilution for *L. pomona*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. icterohemorrhagiae*, *L. canicola*, and *L. hardjo*,  

- OR -
  - b. The animals have been vaccinated for leptospirosis using a killed vaccine for all five types listed above within 30 days prior to export. (Dates of vaccination and types of vaccine shall be shown on the health certificate).
6. Vibriosis and Trichomoniasis:
  - a. Direct microscopic or culture examination of preputial or vaginal swabs.

- b. Test not required for virgin males or unbred females under 15 months of age or for females which have been bred artificially. If no tests are performed, a certification statement that the animals have not been bred and are under 15 months of age or that the females have been bred artificially is needed on the health certificate.
7. Bluetongue - AGID test or virus isolation.

#### EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

- 1. The name and address of the consignor.
- 2. The name and address of the consignee.
- 3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
- 4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of infectious disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

- 1. Animals offered for export must be isolated from other animals for at least 30 days prior to export.
- 2. Animals yielding a positive BT virus isolation test are prohibited entry into Venezuela.
- 3. The bilingual health certificate under VE\_BO\_HC.wp may be used in lieu of the VS 17-140.